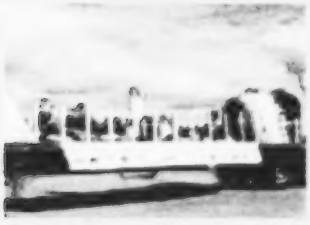

Summary of 2000 to 2003 Volunteer Development Fund and Aurora College Subsidy Fund Contributions

Northwest Territories Municipal and Community Affairs

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Introduction

Volunteering is characteristic of caring and healthy people and communities. The more people volunteer, the healthier NWT communities are likely to be. The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) encourages and supports volunteers and non-government organizations (NGOs) in their efforts to help build effective and sustainable communities.

The Volunteer Development Fund and Aurora College Subsidy Fund are programs managed by MACA to assist NGOs to fund training opportunities. Training enhances a board's ability to govern and the staff's ability to manage the organization.

Funding through the Volunteer Development Fund and Aurora College Subsidy Fund helps offset costs associated with training. Organizations are eligible for funding support for travel costs and facilitation fees or course fees.

The applicant is required to complete the Volunteer Development Fund/Aurora College Subsidy Fund application form. A short report, including a summary of expenditures and proof of attendance, is to be submitted upon completion of training.

This annual report is a summary of Volunteer Development Fund and Aurora College Subsidy funding received by organizations from 2000 to 2003. Municipal and Community Affairs looks forward to voluntary organizations continuing to take advantage of these programs so that we see ever increasing competence in NWT volunteers and staff.

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Summary of Volunteer Development Fund Contributions by Region

Contributions to Regions by Percentage

Holman, Olokhaktomiut Hunters and Trappers Committee – $739.00

The Committee sponsored a member to attend an accounting course offered through the School of Community Government in 2002. The organization gained skills in management, record keeping and finances in general.

Inuvik, Great Northern Arts Festival – $2,000.00

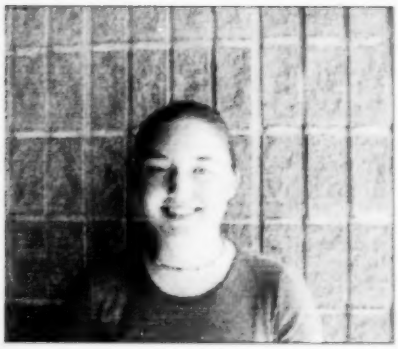
In 2001, funding was used to help offset the costs of a four-day training session in database design and operation. This professional development opportunity was essential for the organization as it enabled them to run more efficiently throughout the year.

Inuvik Centennial Library Board – $1,091.00

Funding was used to conduct a priority-setting workshop in 2002. The workshop covered needs assessments, goal and priority setting and creating an action plan. This information was applied to the needs of the Library Board.

Inuvik Ride for Sight – $1,530.00

Members of Inuvik Ride for Sight attended the National Ride for Sight Conference in Toronto in 2002. Delegates from across Canada met to learn and exchange new information on fighting blindness. Topics that were discussed included research into blindness, new skills and ideas for fundraising, regulations governing the rides, information on RIDE 2003, and sanctioning for RIDE 2003.



Tuktoyaktuk Community Corporation – $668.00
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Aklavik Hunters and Trappers Committee – $668.00
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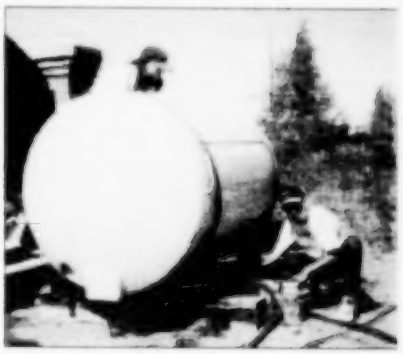
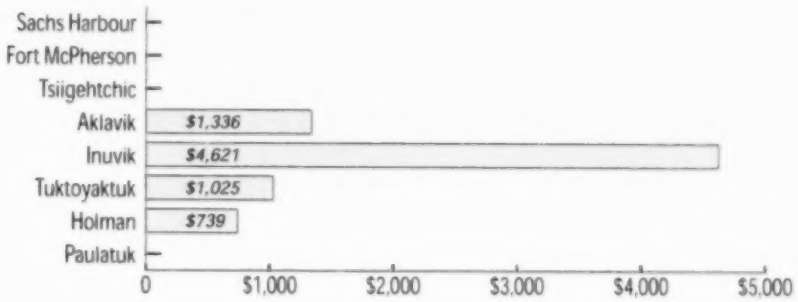
In 2002, funding was used by these organizations to obtain training in accounting from the School of Community Government. The knowledge gained enhanced the organizations' bookkeeping skills.



Inuvik Contributions by Community



Rae-Edzo, Dogrib Community Services Board – $3,000.00

Community addictions training, in 2001, provided new skills to two individuals and enabled them to help develop the community volunteer support network in the Dogrib communities. The Board also acquired training in alcohol and drug counseling.

Wha Ti, Lac La Martre Development Corporation – $400.00

The Corporation used the funding to attend a construction conference in Calgary in 2002. Topics offered at the conference included proposal writing and the tendering process. This was essential to the Corporation in order for them to write their own proposals without having to contract for this service.

Yellowknife,
Raven Mad Daze – $1,000.00
Funk Fest – $1,500.00

These organizations received funding to obtain training in event facilitation in 2002. New skills obtained were in administration, event co-ordination, marketing and plan implementation, human resource co-ordination, professionalism, and communication skills.

Yellowknife, Social Planning Coalition – $1,500.00

Funding was used to conduct a two-day strategic planning session in 2002. This session allowed members to identify the challenges, strengths and opportunities within the current environment in the NWT, and determine appropriate and practical strategic actions to support their work over the next two to three years.

Yellowknife, NorthWIN – $1,500.00

NorthWIN contracted a board training session, in 2002, to orient their board to their roles and responsibilities, as well as undertake a strategic plan to guide the organization over the next few years.

Yellowknife Foster Family Association – $1,500.00

The Yellowknife Foster Family Association hosted the 2001 Canadian Foster Care Association AGM. Support was needed to help offset NWT foster parents travel costs to attend the symposium. This symposium was attended by foster parents from across the country.

The Yellowknife Seniors' Society – $1,827.00

In 2001 and 2002, the Board of Directors received training in strategic planning and better ways to govern their organization. Both sessions encouraged ways to plan and work more effectively as a board.

Yellowknife, Side Door Youth Ministries – $1,500.00

The Side Door Board Members attended six evening workshops in 2002. The workshops involved visioning future needs for the Side Door. The exercise also included an in-depth needs assessment leading into planning and goal setting.

Yellowknife Victims Services Program – $750.00

In 2002, Yellowknife Victim Services provided an orientation to the centre in reporting procedures and training in trauma identification/assessment and effective communication skills. Victim advocates benefited from this training as it increase their knowledge and skills to carry out their roles within the community and criminal justice systems.

Yellowknife Women's Centre – $1,110.00

Training was provided, in 2002, to the Family Support Program staff on working with high-risk children, their families and communities. The workshop identified many issues affecting children at risk and strategies for working with children, families and communities. The Family Support Workers learned communication and advocacy skills along with the importance of relating child development and life skills with good parenting.

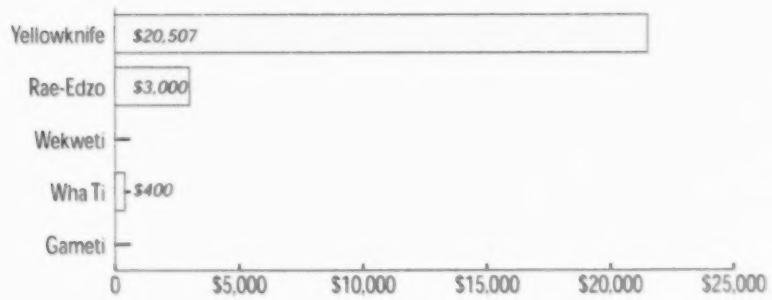
The United Way of Yellowknife – $820.00

The United Way of Yellowknife sent representatives to attend the United Way of Canada conference and Annual General Meeting held in Halifax in 2002. Training sessions held prior to the conference helped the United Way to operate more effectively as a community-building agency, and to more effectively raise and distribute funds.

YWCA of Yellowknife – $7,500.00

The YWCA of Yellowknife received funding to create the NWT volunteer web site as part of the 2001 International Year of Volunteers. Non-government organizations can post contact information on the site, along with major events. Volunteer opportunities can also be posted.

North Slave Contributions by Community



South Slave Region

Fort Smith, South Slave Friendship Festival – $1,500.00

The organizing committee traveled to Yellowknife to attend Folk on the Rocks, in 2001, and gained valuable knowledge in event coordinating and stage management.

Fort Smith, Nik'e Niya Community Birth Centre – $2,600.00

Board training was identified as a priority, thus six members of the Board attended a two-day board development workshop in Fort Smith in 2001. The key topics covered were leadership, roles and responsibilities of board members, policy development, and board/manager/staff relationships.

The Nik'e Niya Community Birth Centre also received funding, in 2002, to acquire bookkeeping skills using a computerized accounting system.

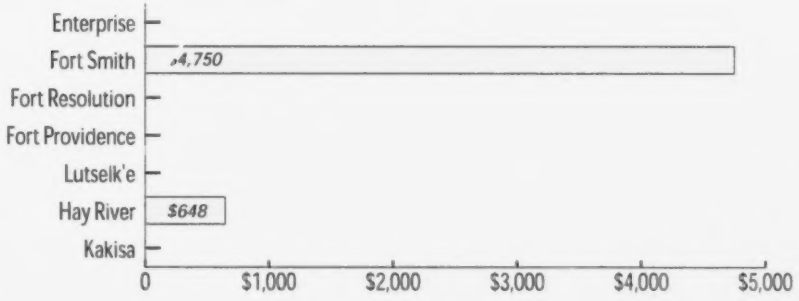
Fort Smith, Aurora College, Thebacha Campus – $650.00

This funding was used by the organization to have a student member attend a Supervisory Skills Workshop in 2002.

Hay River, Soaring Eagle Friendship Centre – $648.00

The Soaring Eagle Friendship Centre used this funding to help offset costs to attend a workshop on proposal writing in 2000. This was useful to the organization as it allowed them to have better expertise within the Friendship Centre rather than having to contract this work.

South Slave Contributions by Community



Territorial

Dene Nation, Denendeh National Office – $1,500.00

The Denendeh National Office sent five representatives to attend the Native Mental Health Association of Canada Annual General Conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba in 2001.

Grollier Hall Residential School Healing Circle – $1,496.00

Healing Circle community caregivers attended three Therapeutic Touch Self-care Workshops in 2002.

Native Women's Association – $1,500.00

A board retreat in 2002 was held for the newly elected Board of Directors. The retreat was designed to help develop an effective, supportive and involved board.

NWT Community Mobilization Partnership and Job Development Strategy – $1,500.00

The Board engaged in a two-day strategic planning session in 2002. Benefits included refreshing the Board of Directors on their roles and responsibilities, and led to them becoming more involved and active in directing the future of their organization.

NWT Seniors' Society – $3,000.00

In 2001, the Board learned how to enhance their planning and organizational skills. This knowledge helped them build capacity at the community level. The Society received additional funding, in 2002, for a strategic planning session.

NWT Council of Persons with Disabilities – $10,800.00

The Board attended a capacity-building and board development workshop in 2000. The workshop focused on team building, clarification of roles and responsibilities of board members, knowledge about Council programs and services, and development of priorities for the coming year.

A further workshop, in 2001, provided the opportunity for Board Members from across the territories to meet in person to help build a cohesive, effective Board with a common sense of purpose and collaborative working relationship.

In 2002, six regional Board Members traveled to Yellowknife to attend a workshop that presented sessions on strategic planning, how to be an effective board and Board Members, engaging and supporting regional Board Members, cross-cultural membership on the boards, and an update on disability/social issues and initiatives.

NWT Literacy Council – $1,500.00

Funding was used by the organization for a strategic planning session in 2003.

Summary of Aurora College Subsidy Fund Contributions by Region

Contributions to Regions by Percentage

Inuvik, Ingamo Hall Friendship Centre – $600.00

Two employees took the Leadership Certificate Program at Aurora College in 2003.

Inuvik, Family Counseling Centre – $908.00

A Centre employee completed a course at Aurora College, in 2001, called Dealing with Anger and Other Intense Emotions.

In 2002, an employee enrolled in a writing course at Aurora College. A driver training course was a further training opportunity the Centre pursued. This training was important to the organization as it enabled the candidate to drive safely and to transport clients.

In 2003, the Centre enrolled in Basic Supervision Skills. This course was beneficial to the organization as it enabled the Centre to have better leadership and supervision skills.

Inuvik Community Corporation – $175.00

The Corporation took a course on small business bookkeeping at Aurora College in 2002.

Inuvik Hunters and Trappers Committee – $591.00

In 2002, funding was used to complete a series of courses at Aurora College on small business bookkeeping, supervision, and Microsoft Excel.

Inuvik, Beaufort Delta Self-government Negotiations Office – $238.00

Funding was used for staff to attend a course at Aurora College in 2000.

Inuvik, Great Northern Arts Festival – $800.00

In 2000, the organization received training in conflict resolution and effective supervision at Aurora College.

Sachs Harbour Hunters and Trappers Association – $200.00

In 2001, funding was used to attend an Accounting Cycle One course at Aurora College.

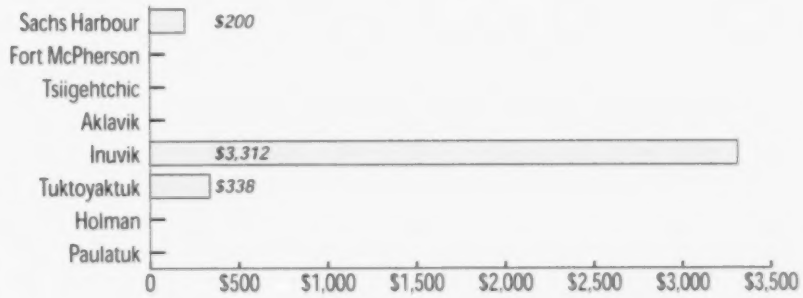
Tuktoyaktuk Community Corporation – $238.00

In 2001, funding was used by the organization to take a course on effective presentations at Aurora College.

Tuktoyaktuk Hunters and Trappers Committee – $100.00

Funding was used to attend a community finance course at Aurora College in 2002.

Inuvik Contributions by Community



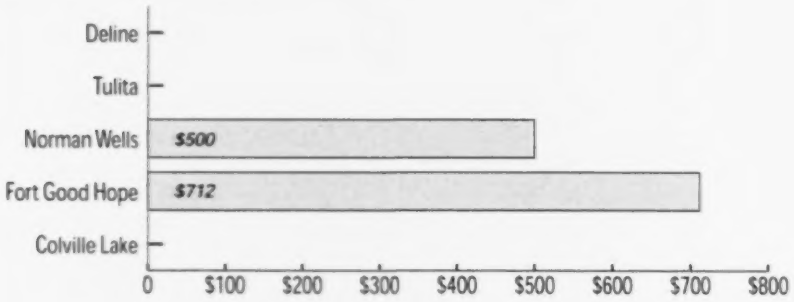
Fort Good Hope, Sahtu Land and Water Board – $712.00

Three individuals attended a workshop at Aurora College called Effective Presentations in 2000. The organization was then able to make audio-visual presentations on land use permits and water licences to community governments.

Norman Wells, Sahtu Business Development Centre – $500.00

Funding was provided, in 2001, for two individuals to attend a course at Aurora College called Simply Accounting.

Sahtu Contributions by Community



Fort Simpson Housing Authority – $248.00

The Administrative Officer attended an accounting course at Aurora College in 2002. This course enabled the Administrative Officer to have greater responsibility in the accounts payable section.

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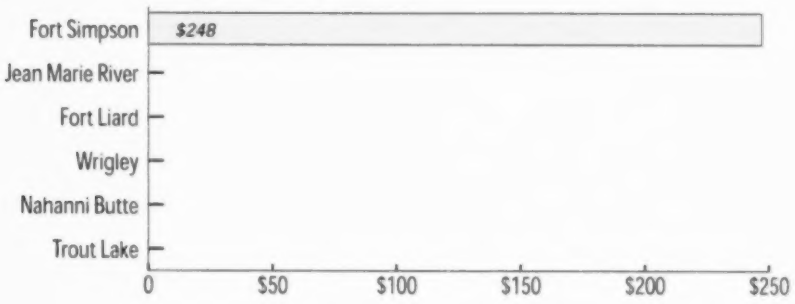


South Slave Region

Fort Providence, Zhahti Koe Friendship Centre – $248.00

The Executive Director completed an accounting course at Aurora College in 2002. The Executive Director was then able to do the bookkeeping at the Centre.

Fort Smith Chamber of Commerce – $375.00

Two people attended a course on Intermediate Database Management and Membership Registry in 2001.

L'Association des francophones de Fort Smith – $148.00

A member of the Association attended a course at Aurora College called Introduction to Spreadsheets using Microsoft Excel. Funding support was used to take a course on health, safety and nutrition at Aurora College in 2002.

Fort Smith, Garden City Co-operative – $375.00

Funding was used to have a member of the Co-op attend Microsoft Access courses at Aurora College in 2001. This course was beneficial to the organization as it enabled them to develop a database to assist in the scheduling of maintenance.

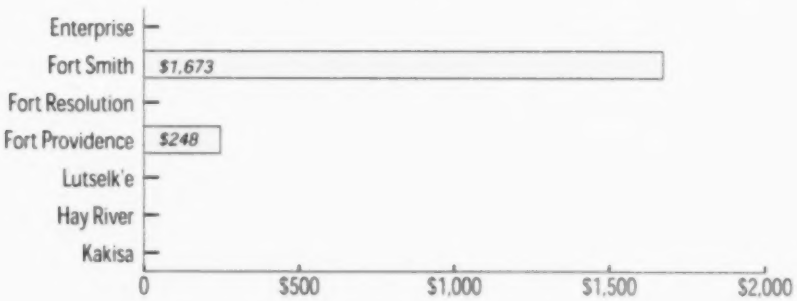
Fort Smith, Pentecostal Sub-Arctic Missions Association – $300.00

In 2001, two members of the Association attended a Power Point Presentations course at Aurora College. In addition, in 2001, funds were used for a member to attend both a Microsoft Excel and a Microsoft Word course at Aurora College.

Fort Smith, Thebacha Campus Student Association – $475.00

A student member attended a desktop publishing course at Aurora College in 2001. Another member attended a Supervisor Skills Workshop at Aurora College in 2002. The organization benefited from this training as it enabled them to perform proper employee evaluations and improved communication with staff.

South Slave Contributions by Community



Territorial

Grollier Hall Residential School Healing Circle – $1,500.00

In 2001, Circle members attended a course on Stress Management and Critical Incident Management. The goal was to learn alternate methods of services to address the generational effects of the residential school system.